

MEDICAL IMPACT SIERRA LEONE



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MISL MARCH ACTIVITY EPORT 2025

Sierra Leone's healthcare system faces considerable strains, primarily in regional rural areas like Maforkie, Bekeloko and other three chiefdoms in Port Loko district. Primary Healthcare (PHC) is hindered by weak community engagement and lack of collaboration among stakeholders. The activities for March, 2025 surrounds enhancing collaboration with partners for sustainable healthcare service delivery; strengthen MISL capacity in funding its running cost and Increase community awareness and participation in healthcare decision-making and service delivery.

Objectives for March activities are:

-Intensify resource mobilization activities

-Identify and initiate new partnership links and attend meetings with established partners.

-Initiate Coordination Schedule for world malaria week commemoration 19-26th April, 2025.

The effectiveness and usefulness of the interventions (justification)

The March activities are useful and necessary because:

- They figure and reinforce public schools possession of raising awareness on malaria prevalence, cure, control and opportunities that are readily available hence close malaria misconceptions.
- They will improve school community involvement in the fight to end malaria in Sierra Leone.
- They pave way in establishing and strengthening partnership with National Leprosy and TB Program (NLTP) and National malaria Control Program (NMCP) respectively.
- They shoulder collaboration with the DHMT on meeting coordination targets for world malaria week 19th-25th activities

Resource mobilization activities

Medical impact Identified and initiated partnership links by holding routine consultations with executives, district coordinators and the public.

Meetings held at head office to identify agencies, commercial entities, foundation organizations, individuals and enlist potential donors, well-wishers that have the touch to help the sick and support health interventions. Contacts and follow-up is in progress. Engagements has begun with some.

Partnership links and meetings with established partners.

Medical Impact was represented in the Partners call for malaria SBC (social behavioural Change) TWG meeting held on the 12th March, 2025 in the communication unit conference hall New England Ville. The meeting progressed from reading, correction and adoption of the minutes of the last meeting. Previous action points reviewed followed by matters arising, key among include:

-Planning for World Malaria Day, MISL is tasked to increase raising awareness in the five districts of operation using the school Health Club model where malaria Ambassadors and Champions are trained and supported to reach their families and communities. These malaria school champions and ambassadors are chosen at the end of the Malaria Quiz Competition countrywide.

World TB Day Commemoration Port Loko city.

At last National Leprosy and TB Program NLTP invited MISL to attend the World Malaria Day at Port Loko City, Northwest region after sustained perseverance, utilizing resilience formal and informal links in order to gain attention for partnership.

MISL team represented by the Executive Manager, Project Manager II, MISL District coordinator and Port Loko district team attended the World Tuberculosis Day Commemoration in Port Loko City, Northwest of Sierra Leone. The National Leprosy and Tuberculosis Programme (NLTP) as team lead organized the celebration with the theme “**Yes! We Can End TB: Commit, Invest, Deliver** “. MISL yield to the invitation and joined the commemoration having common interest in ending TB by 2030.



MISL joined National Leprosy and TB programme to commemorates World TB Day 2025 in Port Loko

In setting the space and pace to conduct Port Loko District Inter-Secondary Schools Malaria Quiz Competition, coordination activity initiated with DHMT and secondary school leaders engagement to ensure that the stakeholders (school health club members) are well informed and questions addressed.

Coordination Schedule

Engagement with DHMT

MISL team inform members present and brief them on the collaborative efforts of NMCP and MISL with regards World Malaria Week commemoration and activity plan against 19th -25th. Met with DHMT Malaria Focal Person Mr. Hassan Belal Conteh and Madam Fatmata Momie Koroma MISL district coordinator, all in Port Loko district.



MISL Port Loko District Coordinator and Malaria Focal person

Engage with school leaders and school health clubs

Planning and scheduling update was shared regarding the coordination of World malaria Day in April, 25th. School leaders were engaged in their various schools on the role of the schools Health Clubs towards the World malaria Day commemoration.

Ten schools were reached within Port Loko City covering two chiefdoms, Maforki and Bakeloko and all consented to participate. However, comments and reservations made not excluding:

- security issues such as threat of violence from supporters of the various schools in attendance
- Fairness and accountability challenges raised on the part of the body conducting the quiz

Suggestions from school leaders

- That the hall to be hired for the tent of meeting should be a neutral premises/ground not associated to any of the competing schools.
- That the question guide curriculum should be maintained to avoid run-away/out of content questions.
- Identify secure Halls for the quiz competition. Engagement with School Leaders

Broadening healthcare coverage

1. Broadening and strengthening healthcare delivery in a bid to address the strains attributed from the shortage of PHU healthcare workers, MISL continue to exact effort and commitment by initiating partnership with training Institutions for students' internship to PHUs in remote areas and also render voluntary services in our periodic medical Brigade activities in Port Loko district. Upon returning to head Quarters, MOU was developed and discussions/communication is in progress to facilitate progressive meetings that will lead to the signing of the MOU with Port Loko Midwife and Nursing Training Institution leadership.
2. Follow-up by robust communication and visits to local organizations, groups and individuals identified are contacted amidst resource mobilization activities.
3. Engagement with stakeholders (DMO, Malaria focal person, MISL District coordinator, and School Leaders).

4. Attend partnership meetings (Review and adoption of plans for the commemoration of world Malaria Day/week -19th to 25th April, 2025).



The resources used include:

Funding: See budget attached

Funding from Medical Impact Mexico, individuals and Philanthropists

Materials:

Mode of transport is vehicular (Car), motto bikes, Daily Subsistence Allowance DSA, communication, office running expenses.

Personnel involved:

MISL Team (03) for coordinating the engagements, District malaria focal person for planning and coordinating world malaria Day activities

Objectives Achieved:

- Partnership meeting with NMCP towards World Malaria Day 2025
- Attended World TB Day commemoration March 24th held in Port Loko City, Northwest Region..
- Engaged MISL Port Loko District project coordinator and DHMT Port Loko (Malaria, TB focal persons, DMOs)
- Identified secondary schools within the district and engaged with school leaders
- Identified 3 public halls one of which will be chosen for the quiz competition

Outcome:

Increased school leaders' rights and participation in planning and execution of MISL awareness raising activities on world malaria Day commemoration in Portloko district.

Enhanced collaboration with partners at NMCP and MOHS planning meetings enlisting the support of all partners particularly development partners in identifying, raising and managing human and material resources.

Strengthened partnerships with NMCP and MOH in collaboration to ensure health initiatives align with national and district priorities leading to viable progresses having involved in socially mobilizing school communities on malaria interventions.

Challenges bump into include:

- Struggle to hire public cars to Maforkie and Bekeloko chiefdoms all in Port Loko city.
- Transport insecurity resulted to loss of Project Manager's mobile phone (Galaxy A05s Samsung) during transit to Freetown, the capital city.
- Tight budget constraints and exertion in making inroads to partner with National Leprosy and TB Program which is the national organization that superintends all interventions in Leprosy and in Sierra Leone.

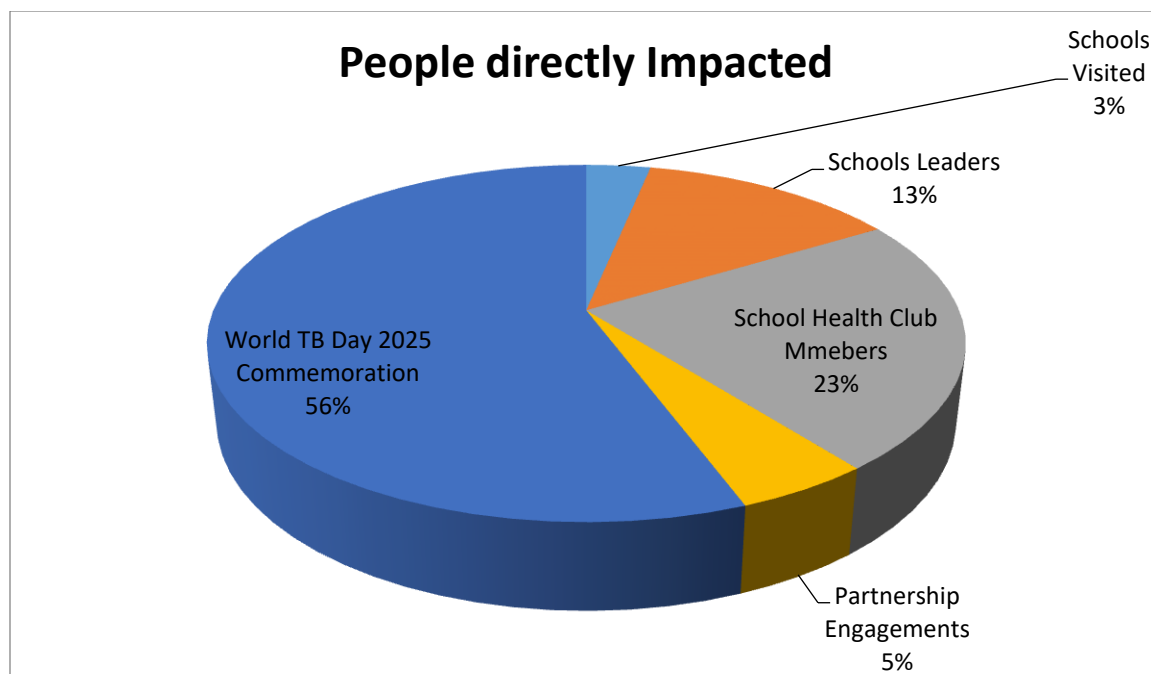
Suggestions/Recommendations:

- Financial safety net strategies/arrangement is crucial to support MISL project activities and achieve the objectives.
- Mobility – MISL needs to have its own vehicle especially to save time and for hard to reach communities.

People directly impacted (Schools, DHMT, MISL and partners)

School leaders and health club members

Schools Visited	School Leaders	School Health Club members	Partnership Engagements	World TB Day Commemoration	Total Impacted
10	04x10	07x10	05x3	07x25	-
Total:	40	70	15	175	300



Ten schools visited an average of 4 school leaders per school engaged and 10 health club members per school. However, 7 schools have established health clubs which case 3 has to be established and 7 revived. A team of 7 MISL personnel including the district coordinator during the World TB Day each member targeted at least 25 people on the activities of MISL.

Sustainability Plan

- Expand partnership and intensify resource mobilization efforts will reduce funding gabs.
- Resources mobilized will be 30% project grant writing investment as such amass donor funding.
- Collaboration with local groups and stakeholders will enhance high participation, knowledge sharing and success stories.

Conclusions and Lessons Learned

March activities centered on expanding partnership and collaboration to enhance resources needed for 2025 project achievement. There was increased in activities that geared to stimulate healthy resource mobilization.

Despite hindrances encountered, activities success rate is acceptable, and there are hopes to sustain MISL activity plans throughout 2025 with the assumption that local partners to be will invest in our humanitarian activities, and development partners will resume their funding to Sierra Leone soon.

Direct Beneficiaries: 300